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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

SAN CARLOS TO BUILD

Our newest church organization is n Carlos. Since we started the rk under the direction of the Red- od City church it has moved along eadily to the place where it must ve its own meeting place. Under e enthusiastic leadership of Rev. B. Cherington money has been sub- ribed for the lots and plans for e first unit have been made.

The time has come for our Congre- tional fellowship to give them a rt in the payment of first bills in curing this building. Our method assistance is the creation of a llowship Building Fund with a list 1,000 subscribers who will contrib- e what they wish for not over two ls a year and for a two year period. This fund was started in 1926 with e hope that Broadmoor would be e first church to lay claim upon its unties. It now appears that San rlos is ready before Broadmoor and e first call is being made for this omising church. We are all anxious see Broadmoor ready for a call in e early spring time.

Our second attempt to promote this nd goes along with greater encour- ement than the appeal two years o. The present campaign is build- g the fellowship idea for others n these two and every new sub- iber adds very materially to the lfare of all. The first sixty sub- iptions averaged about $10.00 each. is is a large and complimentary owing. We have meny subscribers $2.00 each and fully as many at 00 each. Those who subscribed 5.00 and $50.00 a call are responsible the large average.

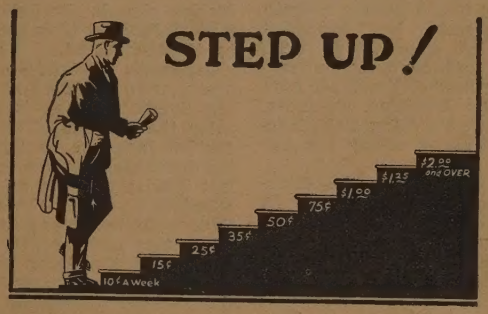
n promoting this fund we are re- ting to correspondence, with an oc- sional presentation in churches. It l take several weeks to build this b to a satisfactory membership but subscriptions and money are ar- ing by almost every mail.

We wish to remind some who have l letters and have not yet replied t this method of assisting new rches is a local and direct appeal h very slight cost for promotion l with no great burden upon our mbership. For this reason we wel- ne some gift, however small, from the membership interested in our ing some forward steps in North- California.

There may be those who do not the letters and wish to be enrolled this fellowship. Do not wait for to write to you, which might hap- n in due course of time, but send r subscription and we will send a card for signature for the ount on this account as well as others. Our greatest appeal is not need alone but the pledging of a up of noble men and women who h to help new churches get a suit- e place to worship. We will wel- ne, as well, any volunteers who l help us carry to successful issue s great idea of a common bond in denominational work.

BAY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bay As- iation will be held January 8 at Alameda Church. Luncheon 60c.



JANUARY TENTH

This date has become a fixed affair in the life of our Conference. In 1929 as in other years, we will hold our books open until then for belated contributions on apportionment. On December 1 we discovered that we will need to collect $15,000 to do as well as last year and should have $20,000 to do ourselves justice in the great family of Congregationalism. One year we received about $19,000 in this same period. Our average is over $14,000. It is hoped that all treasurers will send their amounts in as soon as possible with a supplementary payment between the first and the tenth of January. Let us try and make it the biggest ever which would mean $20,000 in the next few weeks.

BENEVOLENCES
Jan. 10-Nov. 30, 1928

Adin	$ 104.33
Alameda	150.00
Alturas	25.00
Antioch	54.00
Auburn	83.00
Benicia	25.00
Berkeley First	7,580.66
Park	173.34
North	1,616.90
Ceres	550.00
Cloverdale	236.00
Cotati	5.00
Crockett	137.50
Eureka	184.00
Fairfax	34.26
Ferndale	135.85
Fresno First	731.20
Glen Ellen	15.00
Grass Valley	117.19
Guerneville	67.00
Hayward	12.00
Kenwood	15.20
Lodi First	900.00
Martinez	53.64
Niles	13.55
Oakland First	6,417.00
Calvary	80.00
Fruitvale	51.02
Plymouth	1,572.83
Olivet	100.00
Oleander	24.00
Oroville	92.07
Pacific Grove	589.73
Palo Alto	1,650.00
Paradise	100.00
Petaluma	911.35
Pittsburg	151.16
Porterville	200.00
Redwood City	500.00
Reno, Nevada	401.36
Rio Vista	20.00
Ripon	15.00
Sacramento	497.25
Salida	55.00
San Francisco First	2,100.00
Bethany	150.00
Richmond	55.13
San Jose	1,000.00
San Leandro	79.05
San Lorenzo	12.75
San Mateo	210.00
San Rafael	6.00
Santa Cruz	900.28
Santa Rosa First	423.80
Todd	3.00
Saratoga	700.00
Sebastopol	14.00
Sonoma	204.37
Stockton	1,730.00
Suisun	75.00
Tipton	6.68
Tulare	100.00
Weaverville	5.83
Woodside	140.50
San Juan	90.00
Los Gatos	62.78
Miscellaneous	1,351.49

Total	$36,171.34
1927	$37,056.02
1928	36,171.34
Decrease	$ 884,68

DETROIT 1929

The next meeting of the National Council of Congregational Churches will be held in Detroit, Michigan, May 28-June 4. If the primary delegates do not plan to attend may we be notified that the alternates may have an opportunity to plan in advance.

HELP INSURE YOUR MINISTER

Through the generosity of many givers our denomination secured an Annuity Fund to insure our ministers against the inevitable hour of retirement. A large proportion of the older ministers availed themselves of the privileges of the Fund and some are now sharing its benefits. A goodly proportion of the younger ministers have insured in the newer plan and in a number of instances the churches have put one-half of this expense into their annual budgets. There are a few ministers who have not secured this low priced annuity insurance due largely to the very heavy charge of the first year as the denominational part does not apply until a full year has elapsed. To meet this there has been the very generous offer of the Annuity Fund officials to spread these payments over a three year period. If in addition to this offer the local church will encourage the minister to take this form of insurance by promising to pay one-half of the annual premium the way will be easy. We would like to have 100 per cent of our ministers enrolled. If further information is desired we will gladly furnish at this office. Applications must be in by December 31st if the minister wishes to share in the 1929 benefits.

FEDERATION MEETING

The Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California held its meeting November 28th. There was a good attendance, and Secretaries and Commissioners brought encouraging reports of work in their various departments.

Mrs. Wirt and Mrs. Peck, delegates to the Annual Meeting of the American Board, held at Bridgeport, October 16-18, gave use some of the high lights of the meetings they were privileged to attend. For a full account see the December issue of the Missionary Herald, pages 465-480.

Mrs. Shoemaker was reported ill with influenza, but much better at the time of writing. While still far from well she was sent for and went to Alturas to assist in the church work there. She wrote that it was a relief to get away from the atmosphere of sickness, even if the call meant hard work.

A letter from Miss Jillson was read, telling of her activities while waiting to resume her regular work in Turkey. Playground work that had long been her dream was being started and mothers were already clamoring to have their children among the few to receive the benefits. Physicians, too, were interviewing her with the hope of having playgrounds more generally provided for the children of the street.

In the afternoon we were addressed by Mr. H. W. Hackett, Treasurer of Kobe College, Japan. Kobe College for women, an American and a Congregational project, is bursting its bounds and crying out for enlarged facilities. Hundreds of young women are turned away annually. It is for money for new buildings of various kinds that the plea is being made in America today. Kobe is the only college for women of University standing in western Japan, only three in the whole country. Co-education is fifty years in the future, say the authorities. Out of this country's abundance a sufficient sum is urged to meet the $700,000 required by the close of this year for the building program.

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ANNIVERSARY OCCASIONS

Petaluma is planning to observe its 75th or diamond anniversary with suitable exercises on January 27-28.

Alameda is planning to celebrate its golden jubilee during the week of December 11 to 16.

We wish to congratulate these two organizations on having attained so long and prosperous a history.

ALAMEDA WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

A large and enthusiastic company gathered in the parlors of the Alameda church Wednesday evening, November 14th to welcome Rev. Gail Cleland and his family. They have just come from Concord, Mass., where Mr. Cleland was pastor of the historic Trinitarian church in that city. These good people are not new to California. It was their home originally. After a few years in the east they are happy to come back to this state that they may be near their parents and former friends.

The Alameda committee had arranged an unusually attractive program with readings and music and the Alameda Players put on a one-act play that was delightfully entertaining and excellently staged. The spirit of the occasion was contagious. Hearty appreciation of the ten months' supply service of Dr. McCown was shown in the presentation of a valuable traveling bag with pleasant speeches back and forth. Superintendent Minchin expressed the greetings of the Northern California Conference and the Bay Association.

The outlook for this church is most encouraging. The new Posey Tube seems to bring it nearer to Oakland and Berkeley. The experienced leadership of Mr. Cleland is manifest in his thoroughgoing approach to his task. We feel very confident that with the growth of the East Bay territory that we are planting a fine line of stable churches along its great water front, only wishing that we might extend our territory beyond Berkeley with a strong church between Berkeley and Martinez.

PLYMOUTH BURNS MORTGAGE

It was a great event in the history of Plymouth Church, Oakland, when on Thursday, November 15th, some three hundred people sat down to a turkey dinner regretful only of the fact that there were nearly as many more wished to be present and could not be accommodated at the late hour it was discovered they could come.

An excellent program of music and speeches had been prepared. Judge Lincoln Church, Mrs. F. E. Haswell, Mrs. F. C. Turner, Mr. Harry Benner, Dr . Minchin and Dr. Kloss were among the speakers, Mr. Benner holding the papers while Dr. Kloss applied the flame. Wallace W. Furze was the presiding officer and much credit was given to Mrs. Moffat whose enthusiasm had inspired the occasion.

The mortgage was old and large. It was for nearly $35,000. During the years that Dr. Kloss was with the church it was reduced to $5,000.00, which was to be met with payments of $1,000.00. Under the leadership of the Woman's League of the Church subscriptions had been received for the last amounts including interest and it was reported at the gathering that there had been 100 per cent performance in the payment of the pledges.

Stimulated by the good work of the ladies the men of the church launched a new organization, in groups of ten, with varying functions, to promote the welfare of the church through systematic methods. Mr. C. U. Martin presented the matter and called for volunteers to join the well defined groups. A letter of encouragement was read from Dr. H. F. Swartz who is serving the church as a stated supply. The pulpit supply committe is busy in searching for a new minister. The present outlook is most encouraging. The church has confidence in itself. It will show progress when it starts off under new leadership.

Ceres — November was "Loyalty Month." The pastor, George E. Atkinson, had some of his war buddies, ex-Navy boys from San Francisco, help in an Armistice Day program. At this gathering Professor C. Powers told of the recent trip of 25 college boys on a "Good-Will-Trip-to-the-Orient." Besides this he had a unique recruiting service in which he "Auctioned Life." Two high school boys were introduced, not as individuals, but representing the youth of the land. Bids were offered by Medicine, Business, Journalism, Law, Teaching and Christian Service. This is newsy because it is new.

Berkeley, North—Under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Walter B. Williams, this church held a most delightful Sunday afternoon service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving and entitled "A New England Service." An excellent musical program was provided with special solo numbers by Mr. James Isherwood, noted tenor from First, San Francisco. The pastor preached an interesting sermon idealizing the great traditions that gave birth to our Thanksgiving festival.

Campbell—The young people of this enterprising church staged an operetta on December 7 and wil be pleased to give presentations of it in neighboring communities. There have been several new groupings of young people starting on courses of study and separating for discussion to encourage freedom of speech and liberty of thinking. The pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett has proven himself a valiant friend of the young men and women who wil soon come into leadership.

Pittsburg—With the beginning of the new year this church is launching a new program that is not only startling but encouraging and promising. Mr. Champlin has recognized the business wisdom of using a plant to its highest efficiency and with the aid of his church supplemented by friends in the community he is adding to his staff the services of Dr. H. S. Davidson of Porterville who will take full charge of the teaching end of the church—a task for which he is eminently well-fitted. We commend the church for its vision and daring, wishing both ministers abundant success.

San Mateo—Dr. Charles L. Kloss began the sixth year of his pastorate on Sunday, November 7. During the five years of service he has received 201 members into fellowship. It will not be long before this church will be compelled to enlarge its present plant. When completed this new plant and equipment will rank high in the new generation of buildings we are getting in this Conference.

PERSONALS

Rev. W. E. Eckles has been called to Auburn as a stated supply to succeed Rev. Grant L. Shaffer, who has resigned. Mr. Shaffer is planning to rest for the winter at Seabright near Santa Cruz.

Dr. Noel J. Breed has been at the University Hospital for an operation on the throat. He has returned home and during his convalescence Dr. Frank W. Hodgdon is supplying the pulpit.

Rev. Clarence E. Robinson began his work in San Lorenzo on the first Sunday in December. His last pastorate was with the Community church at Cupertino.

THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

Calvary, Armenian, San Francisco —This church, under the enterprising direction of Rev. H. A. Kartozian, has been making gratifying progress during the nearly three years of its history. It has its language service in the morning and its evening service is in English, gathering many fine young men and women who take full responsibility for the service. The Conference Superintendent has enjoyed both types of service with them as well as being a welcome guest at some of their social affairs. It is hoped that the East Bay group will soon organize. For some time they have enjoyed the hospitality of St. Marks church, Berkeley. After the first of January they are to be housed by First, Oakland.

Japanese, Oakland — This prosperous church, much crowded by its growing Sunday School, is attempting to solve the problem of the second generation Japanese by holding a morning preaching service in English the last Sunday of every other month. Dr. Minchin preached there on the last Sunday in November to a most complimentary audience. It is a gracious gesture of the older people to thus recognize their responsibilities toward the younger generation. The pastor, Rev. P. O. Takahashi is soon to leave this church to take the Japanese church at Riverside.

Chinese, San Francisco — This church invited Superintendent Minchin to preach at its services on Sunday, December 2, and help in the administration of the communion. He has had similar service with this active church. It is an attempt to bridge the language question by an occasional service in English and in acknowledgement of the Sacrament. On this occasion Principal Tsok San Liu of the Hip Wo school served as interpreter that the sermon might be understood by old and young. In the evening this church held a Thanksgiving party in its parlors at 21 Brenham Place, with Dr. Minchin and Miss Miriam Woodberry as guests. The pastor, Rev. Bing Yee Leang, has found success in this method of translating the services, thus keeping old and young together, having presented a lecture the week previous with the same interpreter.

The German Churches, Fresno—The Conference Superintendent had the unusual experience of speaking in three of the churches on the same Sunday morning. In two, he addressed the assemblies in their Sunday School sessions, one at the beginning and the other at the close. In the third which was at Third Church, he spoke following the sermon by the pastor. The throngs of young people who are in Germantown, Fresno, are very responsive to English speeches.

YEAR BOOK OF MISSIONS

The Year Book of Missions for 1929, the annual put out by the American Board giving information on the foreign fields, prayer calendar for the missionaries,, their addresses, etc., also a biographical sketch of the missionaries, is now ready. Price 35c. A few copies of this Year Book are on sale at the Conference office, 421 Building, San Francisco.

LETTER FROM REV. ROBERT B. WHITAKER

October 26, 1928.

Dear Friends at Home:

Some four months has elapsed since the last News Letter, and doubtless some of you are wondaring whether the "Scribe" is still in the land of the living or whether he has become the victim of Chinese plague, famine or bandits. If a personal word may be excused, we beg to report that nothing as serious as any of these has prevented his writing, but only an attack of inflammatory rheumatism in the right arm and shoulder which temporarily was quite as effective in checking his activities, however, as any of the above-mentioned calamities would have been.

The last few months have been eventful ones in China. The new government has already weathered several crises in its affairs, and seems to be making slow but steady progress towards genuine consolidation and unification of the different elements within the Nationalist Party. The situation is somewhat better than it would be otherwise because the Nationalist victory has been quite as much a victory of clever and systematic propaganda as it has been of arms. In spite of their many difficulties and problems, we hope that the Nationalists are going to make good. They understand fully the need of popular education and of popular participation in the government, and are already attacking the problem vigorously.

The new laws and regulations governing all schools, public and private engaged in the task of general education are extreme in certain particulars. They present a whole array of new problems for Mission schools. We haven't the space here to enter into the matter in detail but it will suggest to your minds the problems we are confronted with when I tell you that in schools lower than high schools in grade, no courses on religious subjects may be given even as electives. If any religious instruction is given or any religious influence brought to bear upon pupils, it must be entirely outside of the curriculum, outside of school hours. No chapel service is allowable unless entirely voluntary and held outside of school hours. Again, in schools of this grade the new regulations require that the sum asked of pupils for tuition and miscellaneous expenses shall not exceed $1.50 per term per pupil in High Primary Schools, and 50c per term per pupil in Lower Primary Schools. We haven't yet figured out how we are going to finance our primary schools under the new conditions. (Of course these regulations do not apply to special schools, such as Theological and Bible Schools, and regulations are less drastic for schools of high school and college grade.)

To add to our difficulties, Yu Ying our Lintsing Boys' School, has had repairs to the extent of $400 local currency to make as a result of the recent occupation of the school buildings by Nationalist troops. There is no provision in our budget for any such unusual expenses; therefore Mr. Shih, our Chinese principal, is facing a very difficult problem. For the past week, we have been spending our evenings with a group of Chinese leaders trying to think through some of the things involved for our educational work in the new situation. It is not an easy task. However, we are grateful that the new educational regulations are not as drastic as those with which Mission schools in Turkey have to contend.

As we have written recently about famine conditions here, this time we will merely quote a telegram sent from Lintsing early this month to the Peking office of the International Famine Relief Commission by Dr. Alma L. Cooke of our local committee. It reads as follows:

"Famine is still extreme in western Shantung and southern Chihli. The crops are a complete failure due to drought, grasshoppers, worms and hail. The people are substisting on

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PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION
PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

TES FROM THE MINUTES OF E CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS NOVEMBER 13, 1928

The Conference Directors met in First Congregational church, November 13, Rev. Perry F. Schrock siding.

Rev. Obed Johnson, professor of nese at Stanford University, for ny years previously missionary in na, will spend his Christmas holi- s in work among the Chinese in Conference.

Rev. LaRue C. Watson of Avalon sented the opportunity for secur- a site for a church in a new sub- ision on the highway between Es- ndido and San Diego, near Poway. was voted to refer the matter to Real Estate Committee with ver to act. The Committee has ap- ved the securing of this fine site, ich is about two miles from the sent Poway church.

Missionary Grants

t was voted to approve the recom- ndation of the Los Angeles Exten- n Society for grant of $50 a month, three months, beginning October for Rev. Wm. C. Isett, pastor of church at Carthay Center, which s recently recognized by Ecclesias- al Council as a Congregational rch.

Voted: That the Board express its ire and that of the Conference, t ministers of other denominations ving our churches and asking for ssionary aid so far as possible nsfer their membership to one of local associations.

New Work

A site has been purchased in Ken- gton Heights, San Diego, for the posed new church.

North Wilshire: Committee from Extension Society, having sur- ed the North Wilshire district, ommended that the Conference re- ablish work there in 1929 with a w to reorganization. Voted, that he Extension Society shall reaffirm recommendation, we approve the derwriting of a $2,500 budget for rth Wilshire for 1929.

Pacific School of Religion

Mrs. Schulte reporting, for the mmittee on Benevolence, Appor- nment and New Work, made the lowing recommendations: That of Southern California gifts to the ucation Society on the Apportion- nt plan, half of all received go to Pacific School of Religion, with upper limit of $1,500. Carried. That Conference pastors be notified of Every Member Canvass and other rk.

Voted: That the Superintendent d a letter to the pastors stating desire that a thank offering appeal made by all our churches at anksgiving time.

Forward Movement

Voted: That the Committee at its cretion be empowered to employ r. W. W. Worthington or some er man, at a moderate salary, to gin work in this department Jan- ry 1. Voted: That the Conference ce be empowered to acknowledge receipt of pledges for this fund.

Women's Work

Mrs. Richards reported that the nual meeting of the Women's So- ty had been held and as their sts for the day the pastors' wives l the auxiliary presidents had been ited. Four association meetings l been held and the Kobe College lding fund had been organized with s. E. D. Gaylord as the chairman.

West Coast of Mexico

Dr. Kenngott read a report on his pressions of the visit to the Mis- ns and churches in Mexico, fol- ed by comment from Rev. Perry F. Schrock. Discussion was entered into by Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, Mrs. E. B. Allen and others.

It was voted that the December meeting of the Board, the eleventh, be for the Executive Committee and that the January meeting be held on Tuesday, January 15th, for the adoption of the budget and the making of the missionary grants for 1929.

WEST COAST OF MEXICO

Herewith follows an excerpt from page 11 of "The Story of a Successful Year, Report of the Prudential Committee," A.B.C.F.M.: "The most important event by far in the development of the Project idea was the acceptance by the Conference of Southern California of the entire work of our Mexico Mission, aside from theological training in Mexico City, under an arrangement whereby they provide the support and also enter into a position of administrative responsibility. On July 1, 1928, the administration of the churches and schools of the Mexico Mission passed to a committee of seven, of which two members were nominated by the Mission, two by the American Board, and three appointed by the Conference. This step, truly a momentous one, was taken only after painstaking consideration by all the parties concerned. As pointed out in the report of the Foreign Department, geographical and social considerations make it advisable to deal with the work for Mexicans on both sides of the border as a unity, both in respect to support and control. It is hardly conceivable that a similar situation will arise in connection with the further working out of the Project plan, but we rejoice to have brought about so admirable a partnership between the Board and the supporting constituency in Southern California. The churches of this Conference deserve high praise for the manner in which they have undertaken this important extension of their missionary obligations."

The delegation from Southern California to the West Coast of Mexico, consisting of Rev. and Mrs. George F. Kenngott, Mrs. W. H. Porterfield of San Diego and Rev. Perry F. Schrock, Santa Ana, left Los Angeles October 17 and returned November 6. They were all much impressed with the needs and opportunities on the West Coast of Mexico.

As to Guadalajara, Rev. Harry P. Leach and family, consisting of wife and three children, have been at the Colegio for about two months, in charge of that fine school. The Colegio has sixty boys from 12 to 20 years of age and 30 boarders. Mr. and Mrs. Leach are well equipped for their work through their long service as missionaries in South America.

Rev. Clarence A. Neff, for many years a missionary in China, is a great help both at the Colegio and in the Instituto, and has made a distinct place for himself through its forum in the Museum on Sunday mornings at 11:30.

The particular need in the Colegio is of a laboratory, costing $1,000 at least, and for tools and material for carpenter's shop, costing $500. The boys have little at present in the way of manual instruction.

As to the Instituto, under the direction of Miss Marguarita Wright, with Miss Ruth Fye of Ontario as assistant, it has about 160 pupils. The particular need here is of playground equipment, costing about $250, and chairs and tables for the primary department, costing about $250. The committee on "West Coast of Mexico" has approved appropriations for these specific objects when funds have come therefor specifically designated.

In addition, these schools offer an excellent opportunity for the giving of scholarships, not only for the day school pupils, but for the boarders.

The properties at Guadalajara are in good condition and well located, having come to the American Board by exchange from the Methodist Church South for the property of the American Board at Chihuahua. These schools are well housed and should be developed upon the general lines which they are now pursuing with the development of the Colegio soon into a junior college and with the further development in the not distant future into a cultural college of the grade of Pomona.

Guadalajara is the second largest city in Mexico and presents a rare opportunity for our work. The Guadalajara schools are fortunate in all of their teachers, as are our other schools at Mazatlan and Hermosillo. While other denominations may have more teachers and larger schools, the present delegation felt that after visiting many schools, public and private, of the various denominations, man for man and woman for woman, they did not find teachers in any schools that would surpass ours in their character, ability and unselfishness.

Mazatlan. As a result of the visit to Mazatlan, where the Committee found a day school under the direction of Miss Aileen Parsons of about 140, and the residence of Rev. H. C. Champe on the hill overlooking the ocean, the Committee, at its meetings November 8th and 19th, voted to purchase a site adjoining the present residence of Mr. Champe for the purpose of developing a school thereon. This will cost about $30,000.

The West Coast Conference of Junta held its annual meeting at Hermosillo on Saturday-Monday, November 3-5, and was attended by the pastors of the churches on the West Coast and by the teachers.

The school at Hermosillo has about 80 students, 30 of whom are boarders. Miss L. Frances Smith is in charge, ably assisted by Miss Marie Schubel. The untimely death of Miss Annie Schubel cast a shadow over the school. It will be difficult to replace her. This school is rendering a large service, having been greatly aided by a second story recently erected for the accommodation of more boarders.

As to the churches, there are about 18 or 20, only about 10 of which have pastors in active service. It was reported that there were about 2,000 Evangelicals in a population of 2,000,000. In the three states alone of Sonora, Sinoloa and Nayarit there is an area great as California, It would seem that there should be churches established on the West Coast, especially at Cajeme, which has a population of about 14,000 people with no church of any kind. While there was a fair attendance in the Catholic churches in and near Mexico City and Guadalajara, even without the leadership of the priests, the Catholic churches along the West Coast were poorly attended and in some communities there seemed to be no churches at all. Here is a wonderful opportunity for the establishment of Christian churches on a broad basis.

The Committee were impressed by the general poverty and the absence of desire in many quarters for better conditions. The leaders, however, like Senor Moises Saenz see the need and welcome sympathetic co-operation from every direction. While the Federal Government is spending 27,000,000 pesos a year on education, 20,000,000 pesos go into the Federal district alone. There is considerable confusion between Federal, State and city schools. Never was there such need for unselfish service, for the training of teachers, for the preaching of the Gospel, as on the West Coast of Mexico.

REVITALIZING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

By Sidney H. Buckham

In church parlance certain terms have become almost reflexive. Thus for a Methodist the growth of the Kingdom will be accomplished most efficiently through "salvation," and for a Baptist "evangelization." A Congregationalist would be quite certain to put his faith in "education" as at least a major factor in the spread of Christianity. Our ready response to educational institutions in the past, and the intellectual flavor of our present ministry, give a factual basis for this statement.

The weakness of the educational approach to religion is evident in its frequent lack of zeal. This is a weakness of incompleteness, however, and not in the validity of the educational principle. Religion, like all human interests, is on a sure footing when it lays its foundation in the intellect. We therefore have a legitimate start for a sound program of religious education. Contrary to the opinion of some people, that an intellectual interpretation inhibits genuine religious zeal, I believe that we can direct the educational progress already made toward a more vital emotional experience than was ever possible through the thoughtless and unrestrained use of the emotions. This means, of course, that we must continue to improve our intellectual standard which is still far from perfect, and at the same time seek to make it more effective in the emotional and volitional areas of experience.

The Southern California Congregational Conference, in true Congregational form, believes that it has a real contribution to make to the communities of the South in the form of efficient religious educational work. As Educational Secretary, I hope to add my efforts to the realization of this ideal.

The Forty-third Annual Meeting of the Conference will be held in the First Congregational Church, Pasadena, May 11-15, 1929, Rev. Daniel F. Fox, Pastor.

The Young People's Section will meet on Saturday afternoon, May 11th and continue to Sunday afternoon, May 12th.

The Conference will begin its business sessions on Monday, May 13th, at 2:00 P. M., closing Wednesday noon, May 15th.

The next Annual Young People's Conference will be held at Pomona College, Claremont, beginning Saturday afternoon, June 29th, and closing Saturday noon, July 6th, 1929.

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THE BOOK SHELF

Reviewed by William Ewing

Transplanted Heather. By Rev. James Mann Campbell (Doubleday Doran, $2.50). This autobiography is the last of 20 excellent books by Dr. Campbell and gives in a most interesting way the story of his childhood, apprenticeship, struggle for education, romantic courtship, and pastorate in Scotland. Then the removal to America with happy and fruitful pastorates in Illinois, Wisconsin, and California, coupled with wide literary experience in connection with journalism and the publication of books.

The book will be interesting and encouraging to ministers in the midst of the joys and sorrows of pastoral service, and equally so to men and women in the pews meeting the ordinary experiences of life.

There is much illuminating information regarding prominent men of letters, educators, ministers and church members with whom the author was associated, and much wisdom in summing up the theological and other differences which often divide communities and churches.

The book is written in simple but excellent literary style.

A discriminating introduction is given by Dr. W. Douglass Mackenzie, President of Hartford Seminary, who also did the final editing of the work. It will prove a valuable aid in meeting the present day problems of happy triumphant living.

For sale Pilgrim Press, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles.

CHINESE CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, HOLDS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Armistice Day had a double meaning for the members of the Chinese Church of Los Angeles, for on that day they celebrated the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of the Mission, and the Fourth Anniversary of the dedication of their new building.

Mrs. E. M. Findlay, who had been superintendent of the work for nearly thirty years, told of the struggles of the early days and of the faithful work of many volunteer helpers. Tribute was paid especially to the late Dr. Pond, who was then superintendent of the Oriental work on the Pacific Coast. One of the Chinese members exhibited the Secretary's book which had been in continuous use for the past forty years.

The Extension Secretary of the Conference, Paul B. Waterhouse, gave greetings from the churches of Southern California, while Dr. George F. Kenngott made the address of the day and raised two hundred dollars for the Building Fund.

There was special music by two different trios, the Richardson Trio from the Lake Avenue Church of Pasadena and the Kim Trio of the Chinese church. Miss Mary Lou Reed of the Church of the Messiah, rendered several solos.

After the formal service, all were invited to the Sunday school room where ice cream and cake were served. It was a memorable occasion for the Chinese in Los Angeles.

BUENA PARK DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

The members of the Buena Park Congregational Church are now rejoicing in the new building, which was dedicated on November 18th. The cost of the building was $23,000.00, and the architect says that it could not be duplicated for less than $30,000.00. It is of the Spanish type with tile roof, and Parish Hall adequately equipped for Sunday school and church work. Very appropriate dedication services were held. Dr. E. P. Ryland gave the address of dedication. The people are looking forward to increased efficiency in the work of their church.

PERSONALS

Dr. Lloyd C. Douglas, who left Akron, Ohio, two years ago to enter upon the pastorate of the First Congregational church, Los Angeles, has resigned. In his resignation statement, Dr. Douglas referred to the fact that he had found two parties in the church and that he thought best, in consideration of all the facts, that he eliminate himself. In the course of his statement, he said: "Anybody who, seeing a church row in the offing, can think of a good way to head it off, should be called blessed, I think, by both factions, if he suggests his remedy. I now crave that blessing. Rather regretfully, grateful to the very considerable majority who have been loyal and co-operative, and without any bitterness toward those who have not seen eye to eye with me, I offer my resignation to take effect on the last day of January."

Mr. James Wallace, education and executive secretary of the First Congregational church, Los Angeles, for several years, has resigned in order to enter business.

Rev. W. J. Thompson, D.D., pastor for several years of the First Foreign Church, Hilo, has accepted the pastorate of the Garvanza Congregational church, Los Angeles. Dr. Thompson had a notable pastorate at Hilo, where he received about two hundred new members in that church in the two years of his ministry there. He was at one time pastor at Sierra Madre, and in Oakland.

Rev. T. M. Patterson, pastor of the Mayflower church and formerly of the Ventura church, has acepted the pastorate of the Rialto church in place of Rev. H. E. Chapman, who resigned because of ill health.

Rev. Philip K. Swartz, son of President Herman F. Swartz of the Pacific School of Religion, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the church at Saticoy. Mr. Swartz is a graduate of Dartmouth College and of the Pacific School of Religion. He spent two years in Salonica, Greece.

Rev. W. W. Hart assumes the pastorate of the church at Panama, about ten miles from Bakersfield.

Rev. G. W. McCreery has resigned the pastorate of the Bay Shore church as of January 1, 1929. Mr. McCreery has been with the church from its very beginning.

Rev. N. L. Packard has resigned from the pastorate of the Arvin church, which he has served for seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Packard will make their home in Redlands.

Rev. Frank E. Knopf has resigned the pastorate of the church at Calexico.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham began his service as educational secretary November 1, spending the first ten days with Mr. Knopf at Calexico in the study of that situation.

A LETTER FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY OF JAPAN

Dear Fellow-workers:

You have heard of the large Japanese delegation to the World's Sunday School Convention last July. We hope you came in touch with some of them. This is abundant proof of the Japanese interest in Sunday School work. Many of them made the long trip at great sacrifice and have returned with great enthusiasm and appreciation of American friendship.

They will be handicapped in their work in Japan, however, until the headquarters building for their National Sunday School Association is provided. This enterprise was started by the World's Sunday School Convention held in Tokyo in 1920. The Japanese raised one-half the amount needed, with the understanding that the World's Sunday School Association would secure the other half in America. To date, about $20,000 has been raised. The opportunity is now being given to churches, church schools, classes and individuals in Southern California and Arizona to help in this worthy project. We hope to secure $25,000 here where people came in close touch with the Japanese delegates and received inspiration from the great World's Convention.

Many churches in Southern California are already co-operating, some taking special goodwill offerings and others selling the Goodwill Japanese Pencils. Dr. Merle N. Smith of the First Methodist Church of Pasadena, said, "The project for the building of a headquarters building for the National Sunday School Association in Tokyo, Japan, seems to me in every way to be a worthy enterprise. It was my privilege to visit several Sunday Schools 'in action' in Tokyo, and they were a heartening sight." His church, among others, has taken up the goodwill pencil selling project.

The goodwill pencils are sold at ten cents each or a carton of six pencils for fifty cents. Give your adults, young people, boys and girls a chance to do this great service. It will do them good to have a permanent interest in the Sunday School work in Japan.

Please bring this international goodwill project to the attention of your church, church school, class and individuals. Make it a great movement with all your people. Send for all the pencils your church can sell. This goodwill pencil project was presented to our Conference Board and received their hearty endorsement.

Send your orders to H. E. Coleman, care of California Council of Religious Education, 626 W. M. Garland Bldg., Los Angeles. Please send cash with order.

Yours for international goodwill,
H. E. COLEMAN,
Secretary for Japan World's
Sunday School Association.

LETTER FROM REV. WHITAKER

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chaff and tree leaves. Girls are being sold into slavery or worse at a price of four dollars. The able-bodied are moving to Manchuria or elsewhere. The old and sick are starving. A very conservative estimate, from investigations just completed, gives five hundred thousand actually starving now in six counties. There is no hope till the June harvest, and if no rain comes in October, the farmers cannot plant the winter wheat."

Nothing more need be said. We have appreciated the gifts received for relief, and are doing our best to administer them wisely. There is much real gratitude here on the part of the people for all that America is doing to help out in this famine situation. The need is great.

Our force of Chinese evangelists and pastors has put in a year of most useful service under unusually trying circumstances. The Nationalists, so far, have been able to do little in clearing up the banditry which makes life and work in this section of China difficult at present. When the northern troops were defeated last spring the majority of the soldiers fled only a few miles, discarded their uniforms and turned into banditry to make a living. As a result, we are having a somewhat disturbed time. I returned day before yesterday from a country trip which I made on a bicycle with one of our Chinese pastors for company. The first day that we were out on the same road that we travelled (but a few hours after we had passed that way) bandits held up a military officer at the point of a gun, and relieving him of his bicycle, left him to make his way to his destination on foot. The next evening from a town nearby where we were then visiting with one of our Christian groups, we witnessed with our own eyes the burning of homes of people in a neighboring small village by bandits. The whole countryside was lit up with the conflagration. The people in the town where we were staying spent a restless, disturbed night for fear the bandits might pay them a visit. Only two months ago they had a hard experience during the looting and burning of several public buildings not far from our church.

Two weeks ago, one of our Chinese pastors, Rev. Wang Ching Hao, principal of the Ellis Laymen's Christian Training School, was literally driven out of his home by bandits. They took possession of his bicycle, donkey and many family possessions. Mr. Wang has now moved his family and what is left of his possessions into the city for protection. These past months our workers, like St. Paul of old, have been "in journeyings often . . . in perils of robbers, in perils from (their) countrymen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils among false brethren, in labor and travail, in wantings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." They have literally "suffered hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." Until the late spring, we were in the midst of war conditions, then famine overtook the country, and now banditry. Our evangelists have done and are doing nobly, helping in the distribution of famine relief when it has been available, and also pursuing their Christian work under the present difficult conditions. More than once in recent weeks have they been held up by bandits, but have always been allowed to go free when it was discovered what their work was.

One of our Chinese workers remarked last evening at a conference held here in our home, that if we could 'carry on" through the next two or three difficult years in the midst of this period of transition, reconstruction and change, and encourage our Christian constituency to keep their faith in God and in the future of China, then we would have a Christian movement more than ever rooted and grounded in the things that cannot be moved. This is a time of testing for the Chinese Church, but most of our Christians are meeting it in fine spirit. In spite of the difficulties mentioned, our work is going quietly and steadily ahead, and no one seems in the least danger of giving way to discouragement. We are trying to meet problems as they arise, and find that more than ever before the Christian movement has a place in China. There is need of personal faith in God to stay the hearts and minds of men and women whose burdens are heavy. There is no quick, short road to peace and stability in China, and the years just ahead are sure to be hard ones at best. There is need of the Christian comradeship and fellowship which the missionary can give as he tries to share burdens and difficulties with his native friends.